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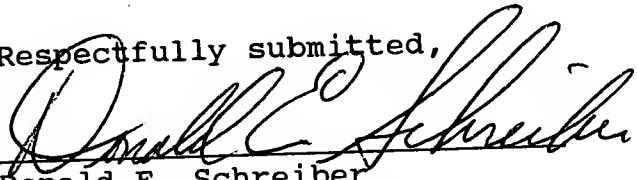
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Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Because the accompanying Supplemental Preliminary Amendment adds no new claims, Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for filing this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

If it is determined that any fee is required for filing this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, then the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims 28, 37, 38, 43, 73 and 74 for those previously pending in this application.

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28. (Amended) The light beam deflector assembly of claim 27 wherein an edge of the light beam deflector assembly that is free of light beam deflectors is juxtaposable with an edge of another